



## MAGIC OF MICHIGAN

### Featuring Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island & Grand Rapids

*6 Days/5 Nights August 21-26, 2023*

**Your Tour Includes:** Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation. 5 Nights' Accommodations, Full Time Tour Director, Luggage Handling for One Suitcase Not to Exceed 50#, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Step on Guides and Meals

**Not Included:** Travel Protection Plan, Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Tour Director and Motorcoach Driver or Items of a Personal Nature

**Day #1 Monday, August 21, 2023** Welcome aboard as we get acquainted with our fellow travelers while enjoying activities on our deluxe motorcoach. This afternoon we arrive in the "Very Bavarian City" of **Frankenmuth, Michigan** for our overnight stay. After checking into our hotel, we have time to freshen up before departing for the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Upon our arrival time will be allowed to visit the 50-foot Glockenspiel Tower that is part of the building. It houses a magnificent 35-bell carillon, beautiful figurine movement and an illuminated clock, all imported from Germany! Before striking the hour, and on each quarter hour, the clock sounds the 5-bell Westminster chime. Dinner is included at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Following dinner meet your guide and driver for a mini tour of Frankenmuth including Bronner's Christmas Lane. **(D)**

**Day #2 Tuesday, August 22, 2023** Breakfast is included before we depart for Bonner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. Nowhere is Christmas displayed with such exuberance! When Wally Bronner painted his first sign over 50 years ago, little did he dream that his small business would one day become the world's largest Christmas store. It is a shopper's dream! Depart for Bavarian Belle Riverboat for a one-hour historical narrated tour of Frankenmuth on a fully restored authentic Stern Driven Paddlewheel Riverboat. After our cruise time will be given to explore the many shops lining the Main Street. It is time to depart Frankenmuth and make our way to Hillman, MI. We arrive at Thunder Bay Resort, a family run resort that offers the beauty of Northern Michigan combined with a friendly staff to give you a matchless Northern Michigan experience. This evening step back in time as you board a horse drawn carriage that takes you over the Thunder Bay River and into the woods. Enjoy the scenery, the smell of pine, and the ever-changing face of the Thunder Bay River as the horses make their way deep in the woods to the beautiful Elk Antler Log Cabin. Throughout your dinner, sample five to seven wines from nearby Stoney Acres Winery. **(B,D)**

**Day #3 Wednesday, August 23, 2023** Enjoy a hot breakfast before we make our way to Presque Isle Lighthouse. Presque Isle Light Station is a complex of three historic buildings including a lighthouse tower and two keeper's residences. Located on the Lake Huron shoreline near Presque Isle Harbor, the "New Presque Isle Light" is the tallest lighthouse tower accessible by the public on the Great Lakes. Visitors, for a nominal fee, may climb the 130 steps to the top of the tower for a spectacular view. Lunch is included at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Rogers City. This afternoon visit the Great Lake Lore Museum. This maritime specializes in memories not just artifacts. From small "day" sailors manned by pre-colonial French and British traders to modern-day super carriers bearing the flags of most maritime powers, Great Lakes commercial craft, their captains and crew members are depicted and commemorated. Visit also a Calcite mine dock before continuing to 40 Mile Point Light house. Located just north of Rogers City, the lighthouse was built in 1896 to assist ships through the dangerous shoreline where open water, hidden shoals and false bays had claimed many vessels. Follow "Shipwreck Trail" to see what's left of the Joseph S. Fay, one of 27 wooden ships that sank during a fierce storm in 1905. You can see about 150' of her side wall resting on the beach. The tour concludes with a fascinating ride across the Mighty Mac. At one time this was the longest suspension bridge in the world. Hear the dramatic tales of the brave iron workers who built this massive structure. Board the ferry to Mackinac Island. As you step upon the island you feel like you have stepped back in time. Horse drawn vehicles transporting supplies for the businesses on the island to passengers. Accommodations are on Main Street at the Lake View Hotel. The evening is free for you to explore this unique island at your leisure. Be sure to taste some of the famous Mackinac Island fudge. (B,L)

**Day #4 Thursday, August 24, 2023** Breakfast is on your own prior to boarding a carriage for a tour of the island. For anyone who has seen the movie "Somewhere in Time" there will be moments of déjà vu during the tour of this picturesque island. The tour ends with lunch at the Grand Hotel. Following lunch take some time to relax on the hotel's porch. At 660 feet, the Grand Hotel's Front Porch is the world's largest and has one of the most spectacular views of the straits. Wander down Main Street and visit some of Mackinac Island's unique shops. (L)

**Day #5 Friday, August 25, 2023** Breakfast is on your own before we board the ferry to Mackinaw City. Our travels continue on to Charlevoix to meet our local guide. We will learn the architectural diversity of this lovely city. Highlighted are the more than thirty homes designed by local architect Earl Young. Dating from 1921 to the 1950's, these unique, "mushroom houses" are built out of native stone and sport cedar shake roofs. Lunch is included at Castle Farms. Enjoy a walking and tram tour (weather permitting) through this unique facility. Your tour guide will delight your group with the rich history of Castle Farms, from its original construction 1918 as the Loeb Farm, to the Van Haver art studio and gallery period, as well as the music concert era, and through the extensive restoration process from 2001 to present. The completed buildings and landscaped gardens are breathtaking. We depart for Grand Rapids and our overnight stay. Dinner is included at Pietro's Italian Restaurant. (L,D)

**Day #6 Saturday, August 26, 2023**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. This morning you have the opportunity to visit Frederick Meijer Gardens. Upon our arrival we board a tram to tour the outside gardens. The sculpture program is composed of both a world-renowned permanent collection and dynamic exhibition programs. The greatest concentration of work is featured in a 30-acre sculpture park, which hosts both colossal and more traditional scale works sited in a natural environment. We depart our tram and make our way to the conservatory. The Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory is a five story, 15,000 square foot facility featuring rock landscapes, a waterfall and variety of exotic plant selections. The conservatory houses tropical plants from around the world. A lunch voucher is included at Taste of the Gardens Café with its dazzling glass ceiling sculpture. The sculpture is comprised of dozens of individually blow glass pieces spans the ceiling in a spectrum of colors from cool greens, cobalt blues and purples to brilliant oranges, yellows and reds. After lunch it is time to reboard our motorcoach and make our way home. Sit back, relax and share with your friends all the fun things you have experienced. (B, Lunch Voucher)

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